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FOR AMBASSADOR LOW FROM STEVENSON

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SUBJECT: DETENTION OF USIS BLANTYRE LIBRARIAN JUSTIN FUNSANI

1. AFTER CONSIDERABLE EFFORT, INCLUDING MY PERSONAL APPEAL TO PRESIDENT BANDA, WE WERE ABLE TO ARRANGE FOR PAO POLICHETTI TO SEE AND TALK WITH FUNSANI IN ZOMBA. PURPOSE OF CONVERSATION WAS OSTENSIBLY TO SETTLE LIBRARY ACCOUNTS AND ARRANGE FOR HANDLING OF FUNSANI'S ACCUMULATED SALARY. HOWEVER, FUNSANI SEIZED OPPORTUNITY TO TELL POLICHETTI THAT HE IS BEING HELD BECAUSE AT REQUEST OF FORMER PAO PFENDER, HE SENT BOOK ON AMERICAN LABOR LAW TO PROFESSOR SIMONS, SOCIOLOGIST AT UNIV. OF ZAMBIA, IN MAY 1976, AND IN RESPONSE RECEIVED A NOTE OF THANKS FROM PROF. SIMONS (WHICH WAS APPARENTLY INTERCEPTED BY "SPECIAL BRANCH".)

2. IN MY EARLIER CONVERSATION WITH POLICE COMMISSIONER KAMWANA, HE TOLD ME FUNSANI WAS BEING HELD AND INVESTIGATED FOR "CORRESPONDENCE WITH AN ENEMY OF MALAWI WHO RESIDES IN ZAMBIA" AND THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE INVOLVED THE ANSWERING

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OF QUESTIONS ON THE WENELA MINE LABOR NEGOTIATIONS.

3. WOULD BE MOST GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD HAVE SOMEONE CONTACT PROF. SIMONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND REVIEW SUBSTANCE OF BOOK PRESENTATION AND ANY REPEAT ANY CORRESPONDENCE WHICH SIMONS MAY HAVE HAD WITH EITHER PFENDER OR WITH FUNSANI IF HE HAS COPIES OF SUCH CORRESPONDENCE IN HIS FILES, PLEASE TRY TO GET COPIES

AND AIR MAIL THEM DIRECTLY TO US. COULD YOU COMMENT AS TO
WHETHER OR NOT PROF. SIMONS HAS HAD ANY PREVIOUS INVOLVEMENT
WITH MALAWI WHICH COULD CONCEIVABLY PUT HIM ON THEIR LIST AS
OPPONENT OF THE BANDA REGIME?

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